



# TARONGA SUMATRA ECO-TOUR

Information Pack - June 2020

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GROUPS

LOCAL  
GUIDES

CONSERVATION  
ECOTRAVEL

**TARONGA**   
CONSERVATION SOCIETY AUSTRALIA

*For the Wild*



# TRAVEL WITH IMPACT

Join the Taronga Sumatra Eco-tour in June 2020 and do something extraordinary! This adventure will see you visit Sumatra's last remaining tropical rainforest and be on-the-ground with the amazing people who put their life on the line for wildlife every day.

Taronga Conservation Society Australia is a founding member of the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) and continues to provide support for many of its activities in both Asia and Africa.

The Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (SRS) at Way Kambas National Park is a conservation breeding centre for the critically endangered Sumatran Rhino. The surrounding Way Kambas National Park is home to 37 of the **70 remaining Sumatran Rhinos**, where staff work hard to ensure the health of the individuals and viability of the population overall.

The fate of this critically endangered species relies on the work of the SRS, Wildlife Protection Units (WPU) and the support and engagement of the local and international community.

The national park borders 27 villages that have traditionally been dependent on resources from the forest, 70% of whom are dependent on agriculture for their livelihood. Working with local communities equips them with the knowledge they need to combat illegal poaching and implement more sustainable farming techniques, helping to minimising their impact on the rainforest.

Your monetary support allows every WPU to educate local communities who live alongside these endangered animals, but also be trained in GPS navigation and orientation, evidence collection, wildlife data collection and human-animal conflict mitigation. They monitor the activity of the elusive Sumatran Tiger using camera traps, and search for evidence of illegal poaching and logging.

The money you raise as part of this Eco-Tour will go directly into supporting the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary and Wildlife Protection Units in Way Kambas National Park, where Taronga concentrates efforts to protect the habitat for these species.

## The difference you'll make

**FUNDRAISING TARGET:**  
**\$1,100\***

Funds raised support the critical work of Wildlife Protection Units within Way Kambas National Park and of the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, enabling you exclusive access to the sanctuary, a unique experience only available on this Taronga led tour. Discover below how the funds raised will support those on the ground.

### BREEDING



Provide funds to support the vital Sumatran Rhino breeding program at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary for a day.

### TRANSPORT



Your contribution can help pay for a WPU Ranger's transport for a whole week.

### WAGES



Help fund the salary of WPU Rangers for their under-cover work needed to break poachers' sophisticated networks.

### OPERATIONS



Support the operational costs of a single Wildlife Protection Unit for an entire year.

# YOUR ADVENTURE AWAITS

Together with a Taronga Guide, you will spend 8 days exploring Way Kambas National Park, found on the South East Coast of the Indonesian Island of Sumatra covering 130,000 hectares of lowland rainforest.

Your adventure begins in the heart of Indonesia, Jakarta. After making your own way to Jakarta, your Taronga Guide will meet your group at your Jakarta hotel, before departing to one of the world's most renowned biodiversity hotspots, Way Kambas National Park. Here, you will experience the true magic of your trip, with each day bringing the opportunity to see incredible animal species, including the Sumatran Rhinoceros, Asian Elephants, Gibbons and birds. You will also have opportunities to meet the local communities, and be involved in local conservation programs.

Your experienced Taronga Guide will be joined by local Indonesian guides, enabling you to gain an in-depth understanding of this outstanding ecosystem, the key threats it faces, and what is being done to protect it.

Your adventures will include a trip to the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary, and you will meet Rangers responsible for protecting and caring for Sumatran Rhinos within the park; visit the Elephant Conservation Centre where you can assist with their local conservation efforts; take part in tree regeneration to help rebuild areas of the forest; and embark on an unforgettable river safari.







Photo: David Kishner

8 DAYS  
7th June -  
15th June 2020

**DESTINATION** Sumatra, Indonesia  
**MAX. GROUP SIZE** 9 people  
**TRIP STYLE** Eco-Tour  
**DIFFICULTY** ●●●●●

## Highlights

- Immerse yourself in the majesty and mysticism of Sumatra's last remaining tropical rainforest
- Learn about Sumatra's amazing wildlife from your accompanying Taronga guide
- Come face-to-face with the endangered Sumatran Rhino at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary
- Visit the Elephant Conservation Centre to participate in local conservation programs

## Inclusions

- MEALS**  
All meals as per itinerary
- TRANSPORT**  
Return domestic flights (Jakarta - Lampung), all transfers as per itinerary
- ACCOMMODATION**  
Research Centre (1 night),  
Satwa Elephant Ecolodge (3 nights),  
Homestay (3 nights)
- GUIDES**  
Taronga team leader, and local English-speaking guide
- OTHER**  
National Park fees



**KEY** ★ Start/Finish ● Overnight stop

## Itinerary

- START** Jakarta, Indonesia
- 1 Way Kambas National Park - Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (Research Centre)
- 1 Lampung Community (Homestay)
- 1 Way Kambas National Park - Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary (Homestay)
- 3 Elephant Response Unit and Elephant Centre (Satwa Elephant Ecolodge)
- FINISH** Jakarta

1 Nights spent. Location (accommodation style)

# TRIP NOTES

## DAY 1 - 7th JUNE 2020 ARRIVE JAKARTA, INDONESIA

Welcome to Indonesia! Meet at the Airport Hotel in the evening for a welcome dinner. Meet the group and discuss the upcoming adventure!

 Research Centre

## DAY 2 - 8th JUNE 2020 SUMATRAN RHINO SANCTUARY

You will depart as a group to the Airport and fly to Bandar Lampung. Here, we will be met by the local guide, and chat to the sanctuary staff about their role in protecting these beautiful animals.

We break for lunch with our new friends from the sanctuary, including local vets, rangers and keepers.

In the afternoon, we'll head off to our homestay in a local village and using our Bahasa Indonesia, experience the different sights, sounds, smells and customs, for a life changing experience.

 Homestay

## DAY 3 - 9th JUNE 2020 CULTURE AND COMMUNITY

After breakfast we will travel to a group of Balinese villages where there will be a program of activities, including family-based home visits to show their very strong family orientation, agriculture, local culture and dance.

 Homestay

## DAY 4 - 10th JUNE 2020 SUMATRAN RHINO SANCTUARY

Spend the day learning about your homestay hosts community and daily activities. All meals will be prepared by your hosts.

 Satwa Lodge

## DAY 5 - 11th JUNE 2020 ELEPHANT RESPONSE UNIT AND ELEPHANT CENTRE

After breakfast we will visit the Elephant Response Unit. This is situated on the edge of the park near the Elephant Centre, with whom they work. You will meet the staff, and will learn about their work, the local communities who they serve, effects of marauding elephants, use of domesticated elephants in turning back these elephants from the crops, and their patrols in the park looking for poachers. This vital work is supported by a number of national and international NGOs.

The group will then proceed to the Elephant Centre, a 7km drive from Satwa Lodge. The Centre has saved a large number of marauding elephants from being killed by irate villagers and from being used as working elephants.

## BAHASA BASICS!

Good morning -  
*Selamat pagi*

Good afternoon -  
*Selamat siang*

Good evening -  
*Selamat malam*

Thank you -  
*Terimah kasih*

My name is... -  
*Nama saya*

Eat - *Makan*

Drink - *Minum*

Toilet -  
*Kamar kecil /WC*







On arrival you will be met by senior staff of both the centre and the veterinary unit, who will explain the purpose of their activities.

After a packed lunch, you will be taken further into the park to Bambang, a reforestation area. At Bambang you will learn about some of the challenges they face, including the control of fire with limited equipment. The group will spend the afternoon assisting with work to help the reforestation team.

 Satwa Lodge

#### **DAY 6 - 12th JUNE 2020** **BIRDING AND NOCTURNAL MAMMALS**

Birding in Way Kambas is among the best in Indonesia. Over 300 species of birds can be found here. During the morning you will be introduced to some of the local birdlife by Heriyono (Heri), Satwa's principal bird guide, and after lunch proceed for a short walk to experience the park's diversity.

After an early dinner, Heri will take you into the park at night for a spotlighting tour. You never know what you will see - an experience not to be missed!

 Satwa Lodge

#### **DAY 7 - 13th JUNE 2020** **RIVER SAFARI**

An early breakfast and back into the park to hear and see the Siamangs; their calls can be

heard every morning from Satwa Lodge. We will travel down to Way Kanan to your river boat and lunch with the staff at this outpost of the park, where you will learn about life as a guide in the park.

After lunch we will head down river to Kalibiru for an afternoon walk in the area known for tigers, accompanied by an armed park ranger. Tigers are very rarely seen, but your guide will point out evidence and footprints. This is another great site for the keen birders amongst the group.

Back to the river and an evening drive back to Way Kanan when you may see wild elephants, primates and many bird species. We will return to Satwa Lodge for our final dinner together.

 Satwa Lodge

#### **DAY 8 - 14th JUNE 2020** **JAKARTA**

We will drive back to Bandur Lampung airport for our one hour flight to Jakarta, where your Taronga guide will bid you farewell.

Once back in Jakarta, you are free agents!

You may wish to consider some of the other spectacular wildlife destinations in Indonesia, or catch your return flight to Australia.

*\*Your return flight to Australia would likely land on the morning of the 16th June. The itinerary is subject to change due to local requirements.*

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Sumatran Rhino is the smallest of all rhino species and the closest living relative of the Woolly Rhino that roamed the Earth during the Ice Age.

# NEXT STEPS

Taronga's Sumatra Eco-Tour is small-group style travel which means you'll eat and sleep the local way. You'll have the unsurpassed knowledge of a local Indonesian guide, taking you beyond the reaches of every-day tourists and into a world you're waiting to discover.

Whether you're looking for the adventure of a lifetime, or looking for a conservation-led, wildlife and environmentally focused ecotour, just get in touch.

Contact Stephanie Hedt at  
[ecotours@zoo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ecotours@zoo.nsw.gov.au)

## ON-GROUND PARTNER

Taronga is pleased to be working with Ecolodges Indonesia (ELI). They are providing all on-ground transfers, managing accommodation, food and all experiences. All booking and payments are directly with Ecolodges Indonesia.



# FAQS

## WHAT DOES IT COST?

	Single	Double/Twin Share
Tour**	\$3,056	\$2,891
Conservation Commitment***	\$1,100	\$1,100
Total per person	\$4,156	\$3,991

\* Participants can travel with a partner or friend, or elect to share with another participant (new friend) to reduce costs

\*\* The tour cost is paid directly to our Indonesian on ground tour partner Ecolodges Indonesia (ELI).

\*\*\*The \$1,100 conservation commitment is paid to the Taronga Foundation and is tax deductible. This directly supports Taronga's significant annual investment in the conservation of Sumatra's wildlife and local delivery partners. If you would like to fundraise the conservation commitment amount, Taronga can provide information to enable you to set up an [everydayhero.com.au](http://everydayhero.com.au) webpage to share with your contacts.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE DOES THE TOUR TAKE?

9 guests plus the Taronga tour guide - a great small group experience!

## DO I NEED TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Yes, travel insurance is compulsory for all travellers and must provide adequate cover for cancellation, delays in travel, loss or damage to baggage and valuables, medical and hospital expenses for injury or illness, and emergency evacuation.

## IS THE TRAVEL COST GUARANTEED?

Travel costs may vary due to unforeseeable circumstances or factors beyond our control, such as fluctuating exchange rates and increases in airfares, and airline and airport taxes. The travel cost will be confirmed at the time of invoicing.

## WHAT IS THE MINIMUM AGE OF PARTICIPANTS?

18 years old

## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

- International return flights to Jakarta
- Accommodation, meals or taxi fares in Jakarta
- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Mosquito net and sleeping bag
- Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages
- Personal expenses
- Tips and gratuities

Following registration, an information pack will be sent with further flight, hotel and packing list information

## INFORMATION REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING

- Copy of passport - must have a minimum of 6 months validity
- Travel insurance company name and policy number
- Flight details into, and departing, Jakarta
- Contact details in Australia
- Room type - single or double